

**Bureau of Land Management
Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office**

**EXTENSION OF EMERGENCY CLOSURE TO
TARGET SHOOTING**

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office is extending the emergency closure of public lands along and around High Point east of Temecula, California to recreational shooting. The BLM closure is imposed under emergency closure order 43 CFR 8364.1. The extended emergency closure will be in effect from January 1, 2005 through March 31, 2006. The closure is being extended to protect the public from unsafe target shooting practices. The increased recreational shooting activity in the area has imposed an immediate threat to nearby residents and other public land users. Bullets discharged in this area are striking private homes around and along Highway 79. Bullets have traveled up to two miles or more in distance. The closure area is located in the Aguanga Valley, south of Highway 79: (Township 9 South, Range 1 East, Section 2,11,12 SBBM). A map of the closure is available on the BLM web site at www.ca.blm.gov/palmspring. For additional information on the emergency closure, contact the BLM San Diego Project Office at (858) 451-1767.

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*The emergency closure for the contiguous U.S. Forest Service lands is still in effect. A map of the closure is available on the Cleveland National Forest web site at www.fs.fed.us/r5/cleveland. For additional information contact USFS – (760) 788-0250.